

CONTENTS

<i>Preface</i>	vii
<i>List of Abbreviations</i>	xv
1. Reinventing Bengal: The 1920s	1
2. The Gender Question and the New <i>Bhadra Mahila</i>	46
3. Affinity and Its Denial: Caste and Communal Identities	77
4. The Logic of Fission: Muslim Identity and Its Contestation	108
5. Gandhian Politics and Its Alternatives: 1920–35	146
6. The Politics of Exclusion: 1936–46	218
7. The Warning Signals: the Crises of the 1940s	277
8. ‘The Edge of a Volcano’: 1946–7	310
9. ‘Division of Hearts’: Last Days of United Bengal	337
<i>Select Bibliography</i>	367
<i>Index</i>	382
<i>About the Author</i>	404